

The Lookout

January 2006



Knights of Columbus
Fr. Francis J. Diamond Council #6292



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Grand Knight's Message:

My Brother Knights,

I am writing this message right in the middle of Christmas tree sales season – when you read this it will be all over. So far it seems that sales are going well despite Fairfax High School's new tree lot. I hope that sales continue to go well and I want to thank everyone in advance for their hard work and dedication.

If it's January we must be ready to collect money at the annual March for Life. Sadly there are no indications that our nation's laws will change any time soon. There may not be much we can do as individuals to change our unjust laws but we can help people in our own community. First of all please plan to participate in the March for Life itself on January 23rd in Washington DC, especially by helping your brother Knights collect money during the march. We will leave Providence Hall around 11:00 AM. In addition please consider supporting the St. Leo's right to life organization, the Mater Vitae apostolate. Our Church program director Mike Plumstead is personally involved with Mater Vitae and would welcome any support that you can give. Third, consider witnessing to the Church's teachings on abortion in particular and sexuality, contraception, and other life issues in general. The Church's teachings on the body, sexuality, and the entire range of life issues are deep and comprehensive and almost shockingly different from the conventional wisdom of modern Western culture. It is well worth some time on effort on all our parts to learn more about these matters and to be able to articulately describe the Church's teachings – with our colleagues at work and with our families. (Among other things we can use "pro" language for both sides: "pro-life" and "pro-abortion/pro-death". One of our problems just relates to language – how can an individualistic American not be pro-"choice"? Aren't choice and freedom always good? Things become much more clear when we use the right words: explaining why being "pro-death" is wrong is so much easier than explaining

why "choice" is bad). Many brother Knights are directly involved in these efforts and I'm sure would be glad to talk with anyone about them. I already mentioned Brother Plumstead, and I know Brother Knight Stan Greer has taught Natural Family Planning classes. Here are some other resources:

- Pope John Paul II's books, especially "The Theology of the Body" and "Love and Responsibility" (written before he became Pope)
- Dr. Janet E. Smith's Web site: <http://www.aodonline.org/SHMS/Faculty+5819/Janet+Smith+9260>. Dr. Smith is the Fr. Michael J. McGivney Chair of Life Issues at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit. Watching her presentation on "Contraception: Why Not" (transcript available on the "Published Articles" link on the above web site) impressed me so much that I ordered 5 DVD's of the talk – most of which I gave away at last year's Parish Activities Fair via Stan Greer's booth.
- The Couple to Couple League web site, a great resource for natural family planning: <http://www.ccli.org>.

There's a lot more I could say but I'll summarize with this: there is much more to learn and understand about Catholicism and the life of the body than "just" being reflexively anti-abortion (although at 1.5 million deaths a year being "just" reflexively anti-abortion / pro-life is a good start). We can be much better advocates if we understand better just what we are advocating for.

As always, I want to thank all my brother Knights for taking part in all the December activities, one of our busiest months. I am thankful every day for having such a wonderful Council to lead.

Dave Miller
Grand Knight

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Chancellor's Message:

Happy New Year to you all! The last calendar year was very busy but also very memorable for me. Even though I now reside in Maryland (it's not that far!), I am more focused in my role as Chancellor. As of December 1st 2005, we have recruited 8 new Knights for Fr. Diamond Council. Our goal for Fr. Diamond as determined by Supreme is 19 for this fraternal year. So, we have a long way to go towards that goal. With the addition of a 1st and 2nd Degree in December our numbers may have increased by the time you read this.

January will have our busiest time for Degrees: Jan 24 (Tues) – 1st Degree, Jan 26th (Thurs) – 2nd Degree, and Jan 28th (Sat) - 3rd Degree. Let's get out there and recruit. I'll make this pledge: Beginning January 1, 2005 and thru June 30, 2005, any Knight who recruits a new 1st Degree member, I will buy your meal and drink on the Knight of that 1st Degree.

I need your help. If you have any ideas for recruiting new members, please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-307-9163 or Wweich@yahoo.com. I am always interested in new ideas!

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Weich
Worthy Chancellor

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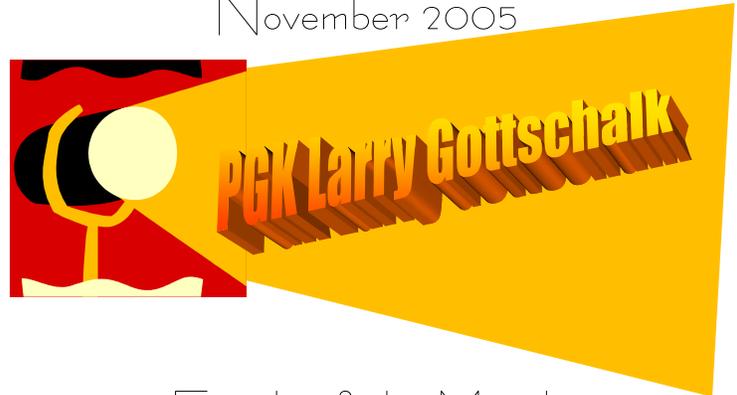
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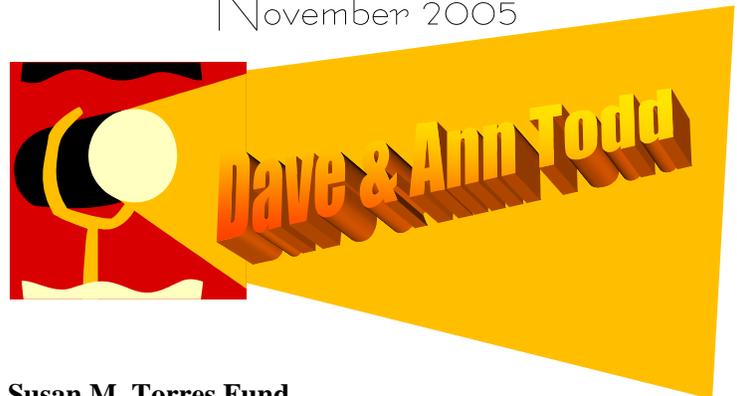
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Awards & Items of Note

Knight of the Month
November 2005



Family of the Month
November 2005



Susan M. Torres Fund

As many of you know, our Brother Knight Jason Torres suffered some devastating losses last year, and the Susan M. Torres Fund was established to help him with his family's crushing medical expenses. Well, the organizers of the Fund are happy to report that the fund has served it's purpose and has been closed pending an "extreme makeover".

Thanks in large part to the KofC, and to Father Diamond Council in particular, we were able to raise over \$1,000,000. Shockingly, this was just a little more than was needed to cover the expenses. We were able to establish a small Virginia College Savings Plan for Jason's son, Peter, and have a little left over which will be donated to an appropriate (i.e. not part of the culture of death) group conducting cancer research.

The fund will be reconstituted and renamed under the auspices of Faith and Action, who have helped administer the fund almost since it's conception. Visit <http://www.faithandaction.org/> for details on what they'll be doing in the future.

Thanks for all of your help.
-Dan & Mike Purtill

News & Events

March for Life

Fr. Diamond Council again this year will participate as Marshals at the annual Right to Life March in the District on Monday January 23, 2006. Other Councils in the Washington Metro area provide a variety of support services that range from crowd control to collecting money. Before 1994 our Council unloaded buses at the Ellipse or parked the buses at RFK Stadium. Since 1994, our Council has been collecting money in the block in front of the National Archive Building on Constitution Avenue. All money collected goes directly to the National Right to Life Committee to help defray the cost of the March.

Last year our Council had about 18 Brother Knights participate in the collection effort, including Dennis Riley, our Fraternal Benefits Advisor. As a result of this good turnout, we collected \$18,022; our previous high was \$24,534 in 2004. Our first effort in 1994 netted \$1,855. Since we started collecting at the March, we have collected a total of \$181,431 to help defray the expenses of the Marches.

Again the more folks that we can get to help the greater is our success. The most we collected in one year is \$24,534. Let's see if we can top that this year

The stage this year will be on the Mall west of 7th Street facing the Washington Monument. The program begins at 11:00am and the March to the Supreme Court should be moving by 12:00 or 1:00pm.

Those helping to collect donations should meet at the Hall by 10:00am and proceed as a group via Cue Bus and Metro to the Archives Building, or you can meet us at the collection site at Constitution Avenue and 6th Street by 11:45pm. After the March, we will return to the Hall to count the funds. If you'd like to help in the counting, come to the Hall by 4:00pm and enjoy some of John Judge's excellent grub. Remember, spouses are welcome to help, so please invite them as well.

If you'd like to help contact Mike Plumstead at (703) 250-2367 or by e-mail at m.plumstead@cox.net. Please get in touch with Mike sooner rather than later, as he will need to submit your name to the DC Police in order to get a solicitation permit.

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Bowling

Bowling starts on Sunday, January 8, 2006. It's great fun, and you'll still be home for the Sunday Night Movie, so come join your fellow Knights and their families.

If you'd like to join in this great family fun, call Dave Whitcomb at (703) 591-7739.



actual photo of Brother Jack Cotner circa 2002

Abortion Facility Rosary

On the second Saturday of each month, Knights meet at 8:00 A.M. to pray the rosary in front of the abortion clinic at 10400 Eaton Place (building next to the Holiday Inn at Route 123 and I-66). This month, we will meet on January 14th. Please come and join us for this very important event. It only takes about 40 minutes, and may help change a heart.

Fraternalism Night

Come join your brother Knights in the Hall on Friday, January 20th for a relaxing evening of conversation, cards, darts, or whatever else you'd like to do! A small fee at the door gets you a good meal and some drinks. Come on over and put our third principle, Fraternity, into action.

New Biography on Father McGivney

A new 237-page biography on the Order's founder will be available in bookstores and through online book sellers in January. *Parish Priest -- Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism* (William Morrow, \$24.95 US/\$32.95 CAN) by *New York Times* bestselling author Douglas Brinkley and Julie M. Fenster is a fascinating account of Father McGivney's world and the many characters who influenced him and came to know the greatness of this extraordinary parish priest. In January, you'll be able to purchase the book online at www.kofc.org.



Anniversaries

Fraternal Benefits Advisor's Message:

January Birthdays

Patrick D. Purtill	1/4
Edward F Rodriguez Jr	1/5
Dr Phillip B. Korff	1/5
Francis J. Earley Jr	1/7
Lawrence D. Lebahn	1/8
Victor J. Richardson	1/8
Howard J. Steers	1/9
George P. Rosenkranz	1/9
William F Murray	1/10
Carmine C. Carullo	1/10
John L. Mulhern	1/10
Sean H. Wilson	1/11
Frank Zagrod	1/12
Conrad Donahue	1/15
Mariano R. Divinagracia	1/15
Russell M. Parker	1/15
Nicholas P. Cirillo	1/16
John F. Eldred	1/17
Michael J. DeMarco	1/17
John G Judge	1/18
George H. Billy PGK	1/18
Jeffrey A Wolfhope	1/18
Nicholas G. Pardoe	1/18
Robert J. Hartnett	1/18
Ramon F. Madan	1/19
Alec A. Des Roches	1/19
John K. Henebery	1/19
Ronald N De Santis PGK	1/22
David J Todd PGK	1/23
Patrick J Laing	1/25
James M. Essig	1/25
Ranjith A. Abeyasinghe	1/27
James M. Connelly	1/27
BRO James A Loiacona	1/28
J. Paul Balsarak	1/29
Robert A. Bilko	1/29
Charles J. Seed Jr	1/30
Robert J. Hayduk	1/30
John P. Murphy	1/31

January Wedding Anniversaries

	Years Married	
Kenneth & Awilda DeHart Jr.	1/3	35
Alvin & Jane Lion	1/4	41
Henry & Florence Urban Jr.	1/13	54
Frank & Barbara Zagrod	1/15	52
Paul & Peggy Cooke PGK	1/23	45
Victor & Betsye Richardson	1/24	18

“I already have insurance at work.”

Many jobs offer some form of group life insurance. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at no charge, or for a small co-pay. Knowing that this coverage exists may convince someone that he doesn't need to discuss personally owned life insurance with an agent. That could be a mistake.

Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to a salary or some other benchmark, but often there is a cap. That cap may be dangerously low for your family's needs should you die. In fact, without a needs analysis (which I'll be happy to provide, free of charge), it may be completely unrelated to needs at death. In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced – and sometimes dramatically – when you retire.

Especially today, there is the very real possibility that you could lose your job. Or that your benefits could be reduced. In either case, you can find yourself without coverage. If your health has changed in the meantime, you can find yourself out of luck.

While group life helps, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. I'll be happy to meet with you and provide a free, custom-tailored needs analysis, so that you'll know exactly where you stand. Please give me a call.

You may contact me at 703-450-6100 or DRileyKofC@comcast.net.

Fraternally,
 Dennis Riley
 Fraternal Benefits Advisor



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For Your Edification

by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson (excerpted; for full text, visit
<http://www.kofc.org/un/news/supreme/detail.cfm?id=3698>)

Time and again, I have stressed that we have nothing less than a moral obligation to offer membership in the Knights of Columbus to every eligible Catholic man. To accomplish this, I am asking dedicated brother Knights like you to be ambassadors, to reach out to Catholic men and their families and invite them to become part of our Order. The Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney founded our Order more than 120 years ago, and yet we have only just begun to realize our true potential. New members are essential to our success; the Order's tomorrow depends on our recruitment today!

We must be creative in our recruitment efforts, and I am pleased to promote an exciting web site feature that we hope will facilitate membership recruitment. Please visit the "[Why Join?](#)" feature on the KofC website at <http://www.kofc.org/un/about/join/index.cfm> and see how it can help in your recruitment efforts. This multimedia presentation offers powerful testimonials from Knights like you about their experiences in the Order.

Duties of a Proposer

Proposing a new member is a commendable achievement and one to be proud of. However, as a proposer, turning over a completed Membership Document (#100) is not the end of the job. You must also take the responsibility to see that your recruit becomes fully accepted by his fellow council members and stays involved in council activities. There are several steps you can take to ensure this.

- Explain to him that the council's Admission Committee will examine his qualifications for membership and accompany him to the Admission Committee meeting. Introduce him to the members present.
- After he has been accepted, escort him to his First Degree and remain with him throughout the event. Following the exemplification, introduce him to his fellow council members.
- Take the newly initiated member and his family "under your wing". See that he learns council procedures, such as meeting times, committee assignments, etc. Introduce him and his family at council events. Encourage him to involve his family in council-sponsored activities.
- Accompany your recruit to his Second Degree and Third Degree exemplifications and stay with him throughout the day.
- Contact him before each council meeting and bring him to the meeting if necessary. If the new member becomes inactivate for some reason, try to find out why. Call and ask to visit with him. Explain your concern about his absence and offer support or assistance.
- Encourage him to earn "Shining Armor" status within the council.

If the Knight becomes inactive, his proposer should work with the retention committee to find out the reasons for his lapsed interest and try to converse his membership. With a little personal effort you can help guarantee that your recruit becomes an active member of the Knights of Columbus.



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Dates to Remember in January

Jan 1	Mary Mother of God/New Year's Day	Jan 15	Family Breakfast
Jan 1	Redskins Game in the Hall	Jan 17	Grey GOSTS
Jan 3	Officer's Meeting	Jan 18	4th Degree Rosary/Business Meeting
Jan 4	Ladies' Night Out - Bunco	Jan 19	Admissions Committee
Jan 6	Free Throw Contest	Jan 20	Fraternalism Night
Jan 7	State Quarterly Meeting	Jan 21 & 22	Food Drive
Jan 7 & 8	Food Drive	Jan 22	Donuts & Coffee
Jan 8	Bowling Starts	Jan 23	March for Life
Jan 9	Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center	Jan 24	Rosary/Business Meeting/1 st Degree
Jan 10	Rosary/Business Meeting	Jan 25	Council Audit
Jan 14	Rosary at Abortion Facility	Jan 26	2 nd Degree
Jan 14 & 15	Open House	Jan 28	3 rd Degree

January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 Mary Mother of God New Year's Day 1615 Redskins @ Philadelphia	2 VS #1	3 1930 Officers Meeting	4 1930 Bunco - Ladies Night Out	5	6	7 Food Drive State Quarterly Meeting
8 Food Drive Bowling Starts	9 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #2	10 1930 Rosary/2000 Business Mtg	11	12	13	14 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary Open House
15 Family Breakfast - Blue Team Open House	16 Martin Luther King Day VS #3	17 1100 Gray GOSTS	18 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	19 1930 Admissions Committee	20 1900 Fraternalism Night	21 Food Drive
22 Food Drive 1145 Donuts & Coffee	23 Right to Life March VS #4	24 1930 Mass/2000 Business Mtg/1 st Degree	25 1930 Council Audit	26 2000 2 nd Degree	27	28 1100 3 rd Degree
29	30 VS #5	31				

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February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 1930 Bunco - Ladies Night Out	2	3	4 GMU/JMU Game
5 Blood Drive Scout Sunday Breakfast	6 VS #6	7 1930 Officers Meeting	8	9	10	11 Food Drive 0800 Abortion Facility Rosary 1800 Valentines Day Dance
12 Food Drive 0900 Corporate Communion	13 1845 Bingo @ Ffx Nursing Center VS #7	14 St Valentine's Day 1930 Rosary/2000 Business Mtg	15 1930 Assembly Rosary/Meeting	16	17	18 1000 Adopt A Spot 1300 District Free Throw Champ
19 Family Breakfast - Gold Team	20 President's Day VS #8	21 1100 Gray GOSTS 1900 Columbiettes Soup Supper	22	23	24	25 Food Drive
26 Food Drive 1145 Donuts & Coffee	27 VS #9	28 1700 Pancake Supper 1930 Mass/Business Mtg				

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